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Child care subsidy applications under review

BY PAUL FREY

For the review

Didsbury and area parents who applied for child care subsidy in the last nine months will have their applications reviewed once again to ensure they weren't denied benefits unnecessarily or cheated out of funding.

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services is reviewing the child care subsidy application process after the NDP opposition revealed last month that some parents hadn't been getting subsidized to the level they may have been entitled, and in some cases, were denied benefits when they actually did qualify.

While the government changed rules surrounding the subsidy on Sept. 1, 2008 making it more generous, licensed day-care providers and parents may not have been given updated forms for parents to fill out that could have increased the subsidy.

Further, when parents used the old forms, government staff neither told the applicants they should be using a different form, nor that the new rules could potentially allow them to access an increased subsidy.

As of September 1, 2008, changes came into effect excluding child support payments from income calculations of single parents. But since parents were using old forms including support payments in income, in many cases this would either exclude them from getting the subsidy or reduce it to less than the full amount they could have received.

Mindy Grover, owner of Children of the Universe, the family day home agency in Olds, said for some families, getting the subsidy is "huge" and is the difference between getting licensed care for their children or perhaps going without care. In many cases parents were getting private care for

their children when they could have gotten a subsidy to be able to pay for approved or licensed care for their children, Grover said.

As an example, Grover said the fee for a 19-month-old or younger child at Children of the Universe is \$775 per month. If parents are of low income, and qualify for full subsidy, \$520 per month is taken off the bill. In many cases, Grover said more than one child per family needs care. Grover said she knows of one family that has two children 19 months old or younger and another child that is a toddler.

Grover noted that with licensed or approved care, parents may be able to get subsidies, as opposed to private care, in which subsidies aren't available.

Another change on September 1 was that parents who were actively looking for work and on income support could now access a subsidy for two months, whereas before September 2008 parents on income support and looking for work could not access the subsidy.

A third change that came into effect was that only one parent needed to be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident to qualify for the subsidy, whereas before last September both parents needed to be either citizens or permanent residents. Before September 2008 there wasn't a subsidy available for school-aged children, but that changed on Sept. 1.

Grover said as of two weeks ago — nine months after the subsidy changes — Children of the Universe still didn't have access to the new forms.

Cathy Ducharme, spokesperson with the Ministry of Child and Youth Services, said while new forms had already gone out in many parts of the province, old ones used prior to September 2008 were also still out there and many people weren't using the proper form.

Ducharme said the new form is available for printing on the

ministry's web-site at www.child.alberta.ca/home, clicking on child care subsidy and clicking on either apply for subsidy or change information to print out the relevant forms. Completed forms can be faxed or brought in to the local office of the Central Alberta Family Services Authority.

Currently the ministry is working with the child and family service authorities to review the applications that were processed since September 2008 to ensure they were properly assessed.

"Should there be any discrepancies, then (staff) would contact the family to let them know," Ducharme said.

If parents believe they may have been improperly assessed and could qualify for a higher subsidy, they should contact the child care subsidy branch of the local office of the Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority. Once there, staff will assess the situation and either get a new form completed or re-assess a completed application.

Asked why old forms were used after changes came into effect last September, Ducharme said there may have been confusion among assessors at the local level.

Rhonda Coubrough, regional communications manager for the Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority said nobody in the central region was aware that old forms were being used after September 2008. However, the authority is double-checking all the applications it received for child care subsidy after September 2008 to make sure that families are receiving the correct amount of subsidy.

"We're just in the process of doing that right now. We want Albertans to get the subsidy that they're eligible to receive," she said.

If families aren't currently receiving what they are eligible for, Coubrough said the review will identify those discrepancies and correct the situation.



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OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK — Didsbury's Toni Newsham is a colourful Cat in the Hat during the Meadowlark Players' presentation of Seussical the Musical, June 6.

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Water ban vigilance needed to ensure adequate supply

BY SABEEN AHMAD
Didsbury Review

In light of a recent water ban that was put into effect in Didsbury on May 14, Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission officials want residents to understand the importance of the restrictions.

One of the commission's board members, Bob Davidson, explained the reason for the water restriction was because the water could not be piped down to the midline reservoir at Olds and from the Olds reservoir to the town reservoirs fast enough to keep them filled.

"When people start to use more water, mostly for outside watering, and with the increase in the number of users along this line, the levels of water in all the reservoirs drops," he said. "Since water usage drops during the night, the reservoirs refill, but if the day usage is high enough, they cannot be completely refilled before daytime use begins to lower the levels again. The problem tends to be worse during the week-end."

Davidson stated the problem was the size of the southern line from the plant to Crossfield. "Once more water is used than can be replaced, the amount available is not enough, resulting in a water restriction," explained Davidson. "The easiest is to try and reduce the outside water use that may be considered discretionary." He added if residents didn't

really need to wash cars, driveways or ATVs and if they didn't, then there would be more water available for more essential usage. He noted the restriction had nothing to do with the Anthony Henday plant not being able to produce enough water because it can.

Under normal conditions such as winter, Davidson explained, the plant did not need to pump water from the plant all the time in order to keep the reservoirs full, but during high use it would be pumping water

all the time.

"There are a lot of factors that determine how much water can be pumped down any particular size line...but ultimately there is an upper limit to the amount of water that can be transmitted with any particular line."

He went on to say the level one restriction that is currently in place was aimed at cutting sprinkler watering. "If people living in houses with even (house) numbers water only on even numbered days and odd numbered

houses on odd numbered days, then in theory the water use for the outside watering will be halved."

Davidson noted the demand for water had grown as the number of people in the towns had grown. He explained the original system was designed to accommodate growth but not forever because there are higher costs in building and running bigger systems. "We are reaching the point where the limits of the design of the system, even with the improvements made to the system since it was originally built, have been met and the system cannot meet the 'peak demands' - the times of highest usage," he said adding these times were usually when the weather is hottest and conditions the most dry.

Davidson said residents needed to understand the water supply is limited by the ability of the system to get that water to the customer. He noted if each person reduces their usage then the water will be sufficient for more people. "If water is used at high enough rates to compromise the ability of the system to supply the amount of water that people are using, then restrictions, such as the existing level one, will be imposed. If use continues at such a rate, or higher then the level of restriction will be increased so that enough water is available for critical functions such as drinking and cooking and, if necessary, firefighting - in the worst case."



Council takes commission discussion in camera during regular meeting

BY SABEEN AHMAD AND PAUL FREY
Didsbury Review

Didsbury council is supporting investigating different governance models for municipally owned commissions like seniors housing or waste to see if they can be managed more efficiently.

Council discussed the governance model for regional services in an in camera session last Tuesday.

"And ultimately (council) decided to support further investigation into the different governance models to see if there is one that is more efficient than the current model we are using," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

Didsbury council will now be asking the Municipal Area Partnership to do some further investigation by talking to various provincial government departments to find out what options, if any, are available under the current provincial legislation.

Area councils have been asked to discuss changing some of the commissions into for-profit corporations.

Olds town councillors want more information before they rubber stamp that move.

Several Olds councillors say they aren't prepared to throw their support behind the idea until they had more information about the ramifications of such a decision.

Members of the Municipal Area Partnership (MAP) want each of the participating councils in Mountain View County to discuss the idea, then hold an all-councils meeting to debate the possibility of turning the commissions into corporations.

Both Olds councillors Arvin Bull and Mary Jane Harper said they couldn't support the meeting until they had more information on what the request might mean for the commissions in question.

The commissions being discussed are the Mountain

View Seniors Housing Authority and the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission. The two were selected because they are the commissions whose membership is limited to the six regional municipalities that make up MAP, including Mountain View County, Olds, Didsbury, Sundre, Carstairs and Cremona.

Olds councillor Warren Smith said each commission must be dealt with separately on the question of turning it into a corporation, because each one has separate issues and what works for one might not work for all. He said while he accepted in principle the notion of switching to corporations, each case needed to be dealt with on its own merits.

Smith also said he thought debating the pros and cons of the proposal wasn't a good use of time when he could come to the decision on his own, based on solid information. Both Olds councillors Lesley Winfield and Harvey Walsh agreed.

"Blanket rules aren't for everybody," Walsh said.

A similar idea was floated by local municipalities several years ago but Olds Mayor Judy Dahl said nothing much was ever done on the topic beyond one workshop. She said many of the councillors of the day had much the same questions as are surfacing now.

Dahl said she will take the feedback she received from council back to the next MAP meeting, scheduled for June 16 at the county office. At that time, it's expected that a discussion will be held as to what all councils thought of the idea.

"I will take the comments our council discussed ... and at that time we'll have the opportunity to hear what the other five municipalities concluded as well. There may be other municipalities that thought the same process as us," she said.

CRIME WATCH



BY MARK LAYCOCK
For the Review

Rollover near Water Valley

RCMP responded to a truck rollover west of Water Valley last Tuesday at approximately 1 p.m.

The vehicle had two occupants, a 14-year-old female driver, who was ejected from the vehicle, and a 15-year-old male passenger. Both were treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Police are still investigating the matter, but Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson says charges are likely.

"Given the last incident of this nature, we are encouraging parents to speak with their child novice drivers relating to the safety concerns with them not abiding by the driving laws," says Jacobson.

Carstairs vehicles entered

One vehicle was stolen and nine others were rummaged through in the Stonebridge Subdivision in Carstairs during the night of June 1.

None of the vehicles had their doors locked at the time of the incident.

The stolen vehicle is described as a black GMC Sierra with a black topper and is yet to be recovered.

"Police are reminding the public not to provide crimes of opportunity to criminals by leaving vehicles unlocked. In this case it looks like the intention was to find keys to steal a vehicle," says Jacobson.

Gravel pit damaged

Between May 29 at 11 a.m. and June 3, a portion of barbed-wire fencing at a Mountain View County gravel pit was damaged. Police believe a vehicle was driven through the fence.

BMX bike stolen

A Miracco Black Pearl BMX bike was stolen from a Didsbury home on 14 Ave during the night of May 27. The bike was stolen from the home's driveway.

Lawnmower stolen

A lawnmower was stolen from a Carstairs residence some time between May 25 and the morning of June 1 along Idaho Street.

The lawnmower is described as a grey Briggs and Stratton push mower with a pull-start. The handle on the pull-start is broken in half.

Suspicious activity investigated

Police is calling a morning fire on June 1 near Carstairs suspicious.

The fire occurred in a farmer's field near Range Road 282 and Township Road 292.

Carstairs Volunteer Fire Department members were called to the scene to extinguish the flames, but upon arrival didn't find anyone on scene.

Police believe the individuals responsible were attempting to burn plastic tubing off of some copper wire when the fire spread to the surrounding brush. Police are still determining if any wire was stolen.

A similar incident has occurred in the area before, which is why police are asking anyone in the area to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity.

Anyone with information about any of the above incidents is asked to contact Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382 or Central Alberta Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Didsbury RCMP officers honour fallen

Two Didsbury RCMP officers will head to Mayerthorpe on June 21 in memorial of the four RCMP officers who were killed in 2005. The officers will be participating in the Fallen 4 Relay.

The relay will take runners on a 42 kilometre run between the Fallen Four Memorial Park in Mayerthorpe, and the RCMP Memorial Monument in Whitecourt.

All monies raised from the event will be donated between the communities of Mayerthorpe and Whitecourt.

Local participants include Cst. Josianne Markley and Cst. Terry Willard.

Campground developer must go back to the drawing board

BY LEA SMALDON
Didsbury Review

A proposal to construct a new campground that has the potential to add over 800 seasonal residents to the Didsbury area has been nixed by Mountain View County council.

In a recorded vote last Wednesday, councillors voted 3-2 against redesignating a 158.97 acre site near the Lone Pine Hall to recreation facility district from its present designation of agricultural district.

Lance Wagner sought the redesignation for the land a few miles west of Highway 582 and north of Highway 791 to allow for the development of a proposed family campground that could accommodate up to 340 camping sites near the Lone Pine Creek.

Wagner envisions the site as a getaway for city dwellers as well as a day spot for picnicking. His plan includes developing the area to accommodate 300 recreational vehicle sites as well as 30 to 40 tenting sites, a convenience store, communal shower, washroom and laundry facilities, as well as recre-

ation areas for a playground or baseball diamonds.

The proposed location of the campground would support economic spinoffs for Didsbury and other area communities, according to Wagner.

While the county's Municipal Development Plan (MDP) states it is a priority of council to increase recreational development in the county, planning and development staff said the proposal was largely inconsistent with the overall intent of the county's MDP.

According to planning and development staff, the proposal is not compatible with surrounding land uses and has a strong potential to generate negative intrusions into the surrounding

agricultural community.

Staff say the land is of higher farm land rating and that its rating could be increased through range-land and riparian rehabilitation.

A public hearing for the proposed land use redesignation was held last Wednesday after which councillors voted.

Councillor Kathy Blain abstained from voting and the discussion citing a conflict as she is a campground owner. Reeve Al Kemmere was also absent from voting as he was attending another event.

Councillors Lana Yakimchuk, Gwen Day, and Gerald Ingeveld voted against the redesignation while Everett Page and Liz Negropontes voted for it.

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Opinion

Commentary Economic crisis gets personal

REBECCA SCHALM

For the first time in my career I am experiencing the organizational consequences of an economic downturn. For the first time I am saying goodbye to colleagues who are, for the most part, innocent victims of the need to reduce costs and preserve cash flow.

To my organization's credit, it took into account our longer-term vision and strategy in making the difficult choices of who would stay and who would go. But that doesn't make it any easier for those who have been asked to leave. And it doesn't make it any easier, today, for those of us who have to say goodbye to valued friends and colleagues.

The first thing I did when I heard the news was cry. I reminded myself that it is OK and very normal to experience a sense of grief and loss. We invest so much in people. As a small company, we tend to know each other well and enjoy each other's company. To lose someone – it is very personal.

The second thing I did was reach out and send brief e-mail messages to my departing colleagues, thanking them for their friendship and contribution. Although I know they may not want to talk to me today, I think it is important that I express my feelings and support as quickly as possible. I admit there are some on the list I do not know well and I elected not to contact them. I hope those who are closer to them did so.

I also invited departing colleagues to reach out to me if they think I can be helpful to them in any way. They are going to need to find new sources of income and no doubt feel panicked and uncertain about the future. I hope I can be of help to them. I only made this offer to those whom I genuinely want to help. If I can't follow through on my promise, it is probably better not to offer to help. A reluctant supporter is not what they need going forward. What surprised me was how quickly I heard back from a number of my colleagues. They thanked me for my support and some indicated they had an interest in seeking my help as they plan their next steps.

Some people talk about experiencing 'survivor guilt' as part of a down-sizing. In our case, there were certainly questions about how decisions were made, about whether we had considered reducing pay across the board and/or offering part-time arrangements or sabbaticals as alternatives to asking people to leave.

I have to admit that I have considered the possibility of taking an extended leave as we work through this downturn. I have worked for my company for almost ten years and been a strong contributor for most of those. But right now, I can't help but feel that I'm not doing my share and maybe it would be better if I stopped collecting a paycheck for awhile. I think that is one of the most difficult things to overcome when layoff notices are announced – we all wonder 'why them and not me?' We are momentarily grateful that we escaped this round, but then wonder why, and wonder if we'll be next.

While the worst of the economic crisis may be over, there is general agreement that the upturn is nowhere in sight. We will likely operate in a depressed climate for a period of time and that inevitably means more people will lose their jobs as companies strive to remain solvent, and those who have lost jobs as part of that will struggle to find new opportunities.

As a survivor of downsizing, you can play an important role in supporting friends and former colleagues. First, be a support and confidante. People need to vent, to express their frustration and their fears. Second, be a source of help. Keep a watchful eye on opportunities and forward them as appropriate. Make connections where and when you can. Finally, assess where and how you can increase your own contribution. This is not the time to rely on your history with your organization. We are all vulnerable. Take time to think about how to maintain and increase your impact. Be grateful for surviving a downsizing.

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Commentary Radically rethinking our schools

STEPHEN MURGATROYD



Schools shape our future as a society. They are the bedrock of a community: a place in which all of our futures are nourished and developed; a place where skills are taught, enabled and encouraged. We should all care about what happens in schools, even if we do not have children attending them.

One of those kids standing at the bus stop with baggy jeans and a funny hat may well become your pension fund manager just a few years from now. Others will run businesses that will hire your granddaughter or work to ensure our planet survives the onslaught of climate change.

But there is something wrong with our schools. They are burdened with too much direction about what they should teach – too many curriculum objectives, too many politically-correct imperatives and too many instructions for our instructors. They are held accountable but are not given the tools for the tasks they are responsible to achieve. They are subject to high stakes testing where students, on a single day, can determine their and their teachers' fates. They are vulnerable and stressed. And they permanently fail to deliver to all of our expectations.

We also do not treat our teachers as true professionals. They are given limited scope for independent action – as if we do not trust them, despite their years of training, to do the job entrusted to them. We disdain their professional development activities and scoff at their summer vacations. We do not show them respect when, as they must do, they tell us that our son or daughter

is not the paragon of excellence we thought them to be and that they are struggling.

We also see schools as a preparation for something else – for work, college or university – rather than places of learning in their own right. In fact, as one keen observer has noted, much of schooling is seen as a preparation for the work of a few – those who go to university – and is not, therefore, a great place for those who have chosen the trades, or creative arts or community service or retail as their destination. We therefore teach, through our structures, large numbers of students to live with failure.

It is time for a radical change. Our schools need to do more to help our students be part of the solution to the problems our communities face – homelessness, poverty, isolation of the elderly, climate change, the growing challenges of obesity and early onset diabetes, to name just some. Our schools also need to become less focused on being the pathway to post-secondary education and more focused on developing the skills which would enable all students to be life-long learners at any level and at any time.

We need to counter the view that schools should narrow their focus to the basic science, mathematics, literacy and technology subjects and instead encourage the inclusion of a richness of personal learning which involves creativity, emotional intelligence, physical education, wellness and social skills. Creative diversity is a better bet for our future than a focused insistence on core subjects.

We should reduce our division of knowledge into subjects and focus more on real world problem solving where students are asked to contribute directly and in a meaningful way to the

solution of problems facing their community. By focusing on project-based work, the need to learn and develop skills normally associated with our "traditional" subject areas will arise naturally and be driven by student engagement rather than provincial requirements.

We should empower and enable teachers to determine large "chunks" of the work their students do, rather than directing them with curriculum requirements – one Grade 9 science provincial curriculum has over 260 objectives which teachers "must" complete during the year, 60% of which are likely to appear on a Provincial Achievement Test. This is pure nonsense, driven by the demands of post-secondary institutions rather than the learning needs of students. If we give schools back to the teachers, we should indicate the competencies at a broad level which students need on leaving school and let them, as professionals, determine the best route to these outcomes.

Finally, we should accept that teachers are best placed to assess their students and reduce the focus on standardized, annualized, aggregated, average test results. We should focus instead on frequent, systematic and focused teacher assessments as the basis for pupil evaluation.

Our schools and the curriculum which informs their work were designed for nineteenth century education for an industrial world. It is the 21st century and an age in which knowledge rather than industrial systems drive our economy. Our schools need a transformation – they need to become a part of the 21st century, not stand apart from our time.

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Letters to the editor

Words of advice for 2009 grads from Aspen Lodge seniors

During a program at Aspen Ridge seniors' lodge, the residents were asked a question – if you were to give the commencement address at the Didsbury High School graduation, what advice would you give to them? During the hour filled with discussion, examples of commencement addresses, and photos taken of the residents in graduation caps, they offered this advice to the graduating class of 2009:

Always keep learning so you get the most out of life.

Life doesn't always turn out the way you want it to but sometimes it turns out even better than you imagined.

Learn to say you're sorry.

Read the classics.

Remember, you don't always have to

have the last word.

Believe in God.

The merry heart will have a continual feast.

Don't get married too young.

Love your family.

When you have children, always treat them with love and respect.

Follow your dreams.

Learn how to handle your finances.

Don't be afraid of hard work.

Love your neighbours as yourself.

One resident had this final quote: "If you can't be a highway be a trail. If you can't be the moon, be a star. For it isn't by the size that you win or fail, but be the best at whatever you are."

*Aspen Ridge Lodge residents
Didsbury*

Local speaks his mind about assessment process

As we all know, it is tax time in Didsbury. Your property assessor has an interesting way to determine the value of the properties in Didsbury for tax assessment.

In our phone conversation on May 27, 2009, I was told the assessor relies on what other people list their properties for to get the tax assessment value of my property. I was told the value of the listings is still high.

I can't believe that the mayor of Didsbury would allow the use of someone else's fantasy figures to determine the actual value of a property. This then allows town council to tax the heck out of us.

We are paying taxes on an imaginary

value. Even a totally uneducated person can see this.

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*Gerald Fincaryk
Didsbury*

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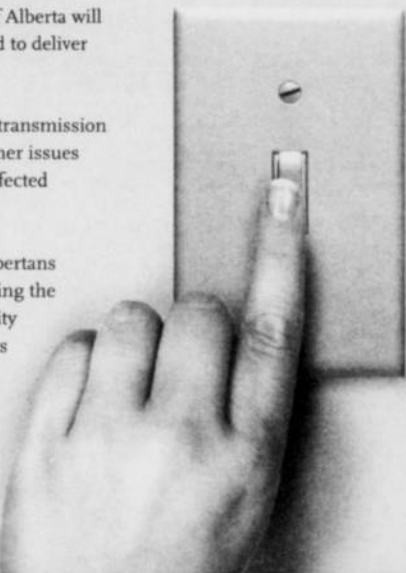
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Government of Alberta ■

Commentary

Fight child porn



DAN SINGLETON

The computer age has led to benefits for people everywhere, providing quick-time communication and information sharing, bringing communities together and promoting dialogue and understanding.

Unfortunately it has also led to the hideous crimes at the centre of the vast internet-based child pornography industry.

As is often the case with crimes of violence, the production and distribution of child pornography makes victims out of society's most vulnerable members. And today those victims are found everywhere, including right here in Central Alberta.

While RCMP and other police services continue to battle very hard to stop

child pornography, a new report from the federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime (OVC) shows that MPs could be doing more to help in the fight.

According to the OVC, internet-facilitated child sexual abuse is growing at an alarming rate. Between 2003 and 2007, the number of confiscated images of serious child abuse quadrupled.

There have been numerous child pornography cases in Central Alberta in recent years, in some cases leading to jail time for perpetrators.

The Every Image, Every Child report released by OVC last week, makes nine recommendations to the federal government, each aimed at helping police end the victimization of children.

The landmark OVC report calls for the introduction of legislation that would make it mandatory for internet service providers to give law enforcement basic customer name and address information.

It also says there should be a new law making it a

crime to refuse to provide password or encryption information during an investigation.

The OVC is recommending that the government increase the capacity of the RCMP's National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre to identify and rescue the child victims in child pornography images, support research into the impact of internet-facilitated child sexual abuse on children, and do more to help victims through special child-friendly multi-disciplinary child advocacy centres.

There have, of course, been numerous calls over the years for more to be done to fight child pornography. Yet, in this new call by the highest-ranking public advocate in Canada for more action on child pornography should be a wake-up call for all MPs.

Albertans and their fellow Canadians want their federal leaders to do more, much more, to protect young people from the scourge of child pornography crime.

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FIDDLE ON – Members of the Centennials Fiddlers play for seniors during the Tropical Party held to honour seniors in Didsbury. *Carla Victor/Didsbury Review*



ALOHA – Didsbury and District Seniors' Support Services members planned an entertaining tropical party, June 4. *Carla Victor/Didsbury Review*



PUPPY LOVE – Elsie Brander holds a golden retriever puppy during a petting zoo that was brought to Aspen Lodge thanks to the Prairie Partners Multi 4-H club in Didsbury. *Sabeen Ahmad/Didsbury Review*



LOCAL CELEBRITY – At the age of 97, Ozro Traub is a local celebrity at the Seniors' Week celebrations. *Carla Victor/Didsbury Review*

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT FIRE AUTHORITY:

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Town of Didsbury Meeting Room

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (next date: June 12, 2009)

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

HO 04-09 2128 - 23rd Ave.	Art Supplies Sales	R2
DP 43-09 #53, 1190 - 15 Ave	Accessory Building with conditions	R3

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **June 24, 2009**.

Kim Boyd, Development Officer

Questions? Looking for information?

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Rollout Cart Schedule June 2009

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

BEGINNING MAY 2009 - THE TOWN OF DIDSBURY WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT PAYMENT FOR MUNICIPAL TAXES BY CREDIT CARDS (VISA & MASTERCARD).

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DIDSBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

•**TODDLER GYM TIME** - Join Town of Didsbury staff for a high-energy hour of activities for your toddlers aged 18 months up to 3 years. This six week program runs Thursday mornings 9:00 - 10:00am from June 18 - July 23. Cost is \$35.00.

•**SPORTS FOR SHORTS** - This program explores sports like soccer, basketball and other fun indoor activities for children aged 3 - 5. June 22 - July 27, cost is \$35/child.

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Register all summer at 403-335-7369

WATER RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION

Effective May 14, 2009 Didsbury is at a LEVEL 1 RESTRICTION until further notice.

Level 1 – Restrict outside watering (lawn, garden, car washing at home, etc.) to even-numbered addresses on even calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses on odd calendar days.

Please contact the Town of Didsbury Office at 403-335-3391 or the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission at 403-227-5828 if you have any questions.



ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS!

Saturday, June 20 Didsbury Lions Soap Box Derby

Time of Closure: 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closure of Highway 582 Junction at the east side of the Campground to 19th Street. Detour of traffic east and west on 20th Avenue to 19th Street and north and south on 19th Street from Highway 582 and 20th Avenue. Access will be allowed to local traffic to the Industrial Park north of Highway 582 from 19th Street and 16th Street.

Saturday, June 27 Rural Ride for Dad

Charity Fundraiser for the fight against Prostate Cancer

Time of Closure: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closure of the parking lot on Main Street (20th Street & 19th Avenue) and northbound laneway closure in front of Didsbury Train Station to allow for the participants of the Rural Ride for Dad event to park their bikes.



2009 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXATION NOTICES WERE MAILED ON MAY 21, 2009.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR NOTICE PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE TAX DEPARTMENT AT 403-335-7354.

Final Assessment Complaint date is June 22, 2009

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Summer Fun Registration Night

Where: Didsbury Neighborhood Place (2030 - 17th Ave)

When: Tuesday June 16, 2009 from 4-7 pm

Who: Children ages 6-12 or who are entering grade 1.

What: Summer Fun is a week-long day camp program put on by the Town of Didsbury.

Each week is themed with activities, crafts, games and out of town field trips.

Come on out and meet the Summer Fun Staff and enjoy some snacks!!!

Register by June 19 for reduced rates!!!

For more information call 403-559-8113 or 403-335-8719



Community Peace Officer Corner - Holiday Trailers

Well, the days are longer and the weather is getting nicer! That means camping season is here! I just want to remind everyone that their trailers and boats cannot be left on the street unattached to a vehicle. The complaints have already started rolling in and I wanted to let everyone know that trailers on the street decrease site lines at intersections and narrow our streets. So please be courteous to your neighbors and find off street parking for your trailer when not in use. It is acceptable to load your trailer while parked on the street attached to a vehicle but please try and limit the time that it is there. Have an excellent and safe camping season.



Derek Sutherland, Peace Officer



Water Safety Instructor Courses

**Start July 15th at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre.
Phone 403-335-7369 for details!**



photo courtesy of www.bergenmission.com
Eloise Bergen helps with cooking at a Kikuyu orphanage

Missionary couple survives to tell the story



photo courtesy of www.bergenmission.com
Eloise comforts husband John in the hospital in Nairobi following their attack

BY SABEEN AHMAD
Didsbury Review

The power of forgiveness is more powerful than one could imagine. For John and Eloise Bergen, one could find it even harder to imagine how they could forgive someone that brutally attacked them and had left them for dead.

The couple was at the Didsbury High School, on Saturday morning, to talk of their attack and how they plan to go back and continue their work.

Just under a year ago, the missionary couple was attacked, by five men, in Kenya where they had been for four months working on helping to feed and provide shelter for the children and widows there.

On the night of July 9, 2008, John, 71, told the crowd gathered in the school's gymnasium how he had drawn a bath for his wife at the farm they were living at, just like he did every night, and had gone out to give a message to the night guard. He said that night however, he never heard a response as he called out for the guard. Instead, John remembers an arm reaching out for his neck. "He was choking me so hard I could not breathe," he recalled. He described how five local men continued to beat him with clubs and slash his body with machetes. Slipping in and out of consciousness, John said he remembered calling out to Jesus for help and to save him. "They dragged my body over to under some trees and left me for dead." What John didn't know at the time was the five

men had headed inside to where Eloise was having a bath.

Eloise, 67, spoke to women who gathered, after John's talk, for a luncheon. "I am NOT a victim," the petite woman said. "I have never watched a horror movie in my life - but I have lived one."

Eloise was brutally raped and attacked for almost an hour by the five men who had entered their home. She too prayed to God for help. Once the men had finished, a tied up Eloise continued to pray. "God reminded me of a pair of haircutting scissors I had in my makeup box," she said. Eloise managed to get herself to the box and grab the scissors and cut herself free.

Draping herself in a blanket, she went outside to look for John but it was pitch black in darkness that night. She described how she called out John's name and imitated John's meek responses. When she called out his name his response was a whimpering 'yes'. When she asked if he was OK he quietly responded with a no. She had him continue to talk with her so she could follow his voice to find him.

When she found him John's limbs had been broken and slashed by machetes. His jaw was brutally damaged and his skull had been scalped.

Eloise said God gave her strength to get in the vehicle her husband had just given her a lesson driving that morning, and start it up. Again, with God on her side, Eloise managed to haul John into the vehicle. She remembered how the first couple of times she tried to lift John it was too difficult because he was 'dead weight'. "He told me to just try," Eloise recalled of John asking her to help him. With strength from above Eloise pulled him up from under his arms and dragged him into the vehicle.

John told her to stop for nothing and if the gates were locked to just drive through them. They arrived at the missionary compound and they were then taken to a third world hospital. John told the crowd, being a third world hospital it was not very busy and had large rats roaming the floors.

Doctors spent approximately five hours

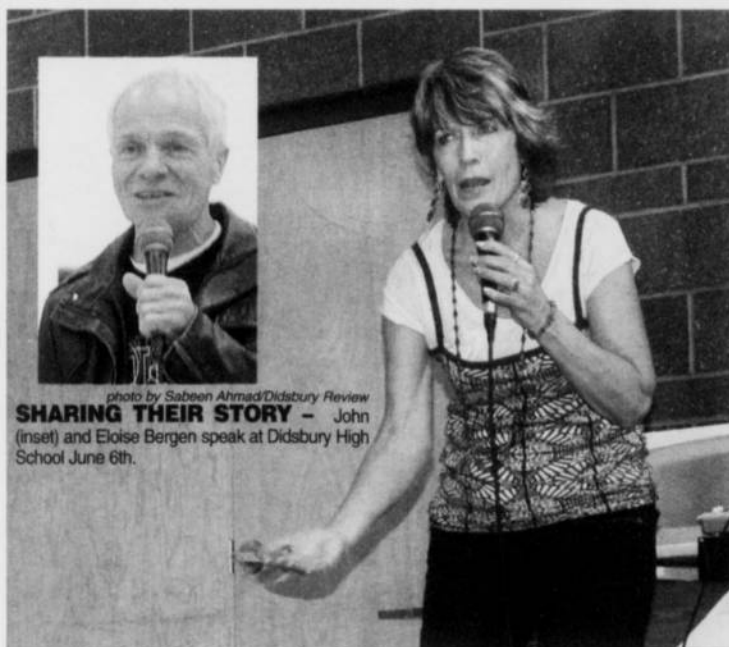


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SHARING THEIR STORY - John (inset) and Eloise Bergen speak at Didsbury High School June 6th.

on John stitching up his wounds. He recalled being told by a doctor not one of the machete slashes had cut through a tendon - a rare occurrence.

From the hospital the couple were airlifted to Nairobi where they underwent further treatment and surveillance.

The couple arrived back in Canada a few weeks after the attack to recuperate and had full intentions to go back.

The five men were arrested along with two men who had been hired to be guards for the Bergens. Their trial was held in January, for which the Bergens had to return.

Eloise recalled sitting in the courtroom the day of the first trial and watched as the seven men entered the courtroom. "With their fists in the air they were yelling for

the heads of the two local reporters who had turned them in." All seven men were sentenced to prison for the attacks and their involvement.

Before John was introduced a clip from CBC's National played on a screen in the gym telling the couple's story. In a scene where John lay in a hospital bed bandaged up he said if he could see the men he would tell them he forgave them. "Jesus loves them, I love them...there's forgiveness for what they've done."

The couple is currently fundraising to return to Kenya to continue the work they were doing last year. "There are children and women that need to be fed and taken care of." The couple had been farming and growing food for the orphans and widows during the days leading up to the attack.

4-H volunteering brings Rasmussen happiness

BY SABEEN AHMAD
Didsbury Review

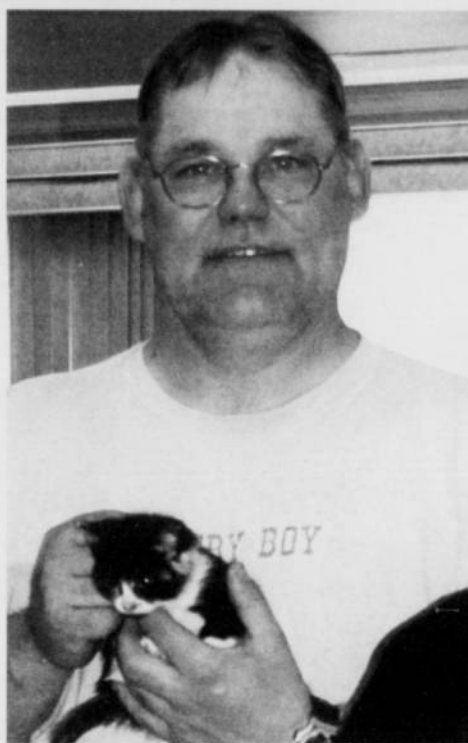
Didsbury's Rural Volunteer award winner, Murry Rasmussen, was caught off guard when he found out he was the winner of the award this year.

"I was totally surprised I was told I just had to be in there for the luncheon - I didn't know what it was about - it was quite a thrill," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen has been volunteering for seven years now with 4-H and often finds himself putting in as many as 15 hours a week in volunteering alone. "Since being introduced to Murry in 2006, I have been impressed with his commitment to volunteerism," Brandee Bowman, who nominated Rasmussen, said in the nomination submission. "He is constantly striving to educate youth on the rural lifestyle and 4-H ideals, and is always willing to help the youth."

He humbly stated although his name was on the award it was a family effort. "Really as a family we are totally involved. I am also the treasurer for the district steer shows in Carstairs, my wife (Beverley) is the district secretary, she's also on the regional council, she's also the key leader for the area, and my daughter's one of the key members of the district - the whole award should have been given to the family not just me. It goes out to the rest of the people in the club that spends their time too."

Rasmussen explained he got involved with volunteering with 4-H when his oldest daughter, Stephanie, decided she wanted to join 4-H. "You get into it and it's tough not to get involved," he stated. "Once you get in you start to realize that giving back to the program is so important - Being general leader I don't have two kids in 4-H this year I have 14," he jokes.



Keeping busy with his involvement in 4-H, Rasmussen would have to say his favourite part of volunteering is seeing the youth succeed. "Anything to do with working with the kids," he says. "When you see the excitement on a member's face when they win something for the first time - that's a good feeling."

Although Rasmussen says at times it feels like he's being pulled in six different directions, the end result of his time and effort put in is usually worth it.

"You don't have to worry about getting back from the program as long as you give the program will always give back." As the "town kid" that moved to the farm, Rasmussen said volunteering with 4-H has taught him so many things he never knew before. "Stuff that you just took for granted that you thought you knew and it's amazing every year you learn something new."

Rasmussen indicated he could keep volunteering for many years to come. "Once the girls aren't in 4-H anymore that's really the time to volunteer because you're not being tugged in two different directions."

He adds that not only do you learn so much by volunteering but the fulfillment you get from it is priceless. "I think it's just the satisfaction of helping someone else out - you have to be the type of person that enjoys helping other people out," he says. "I think everybody should give it a shot - you look around and you don't realize until you look at how many organizations are tied to volunteers."

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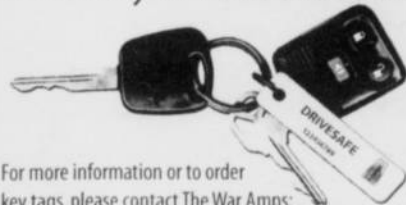
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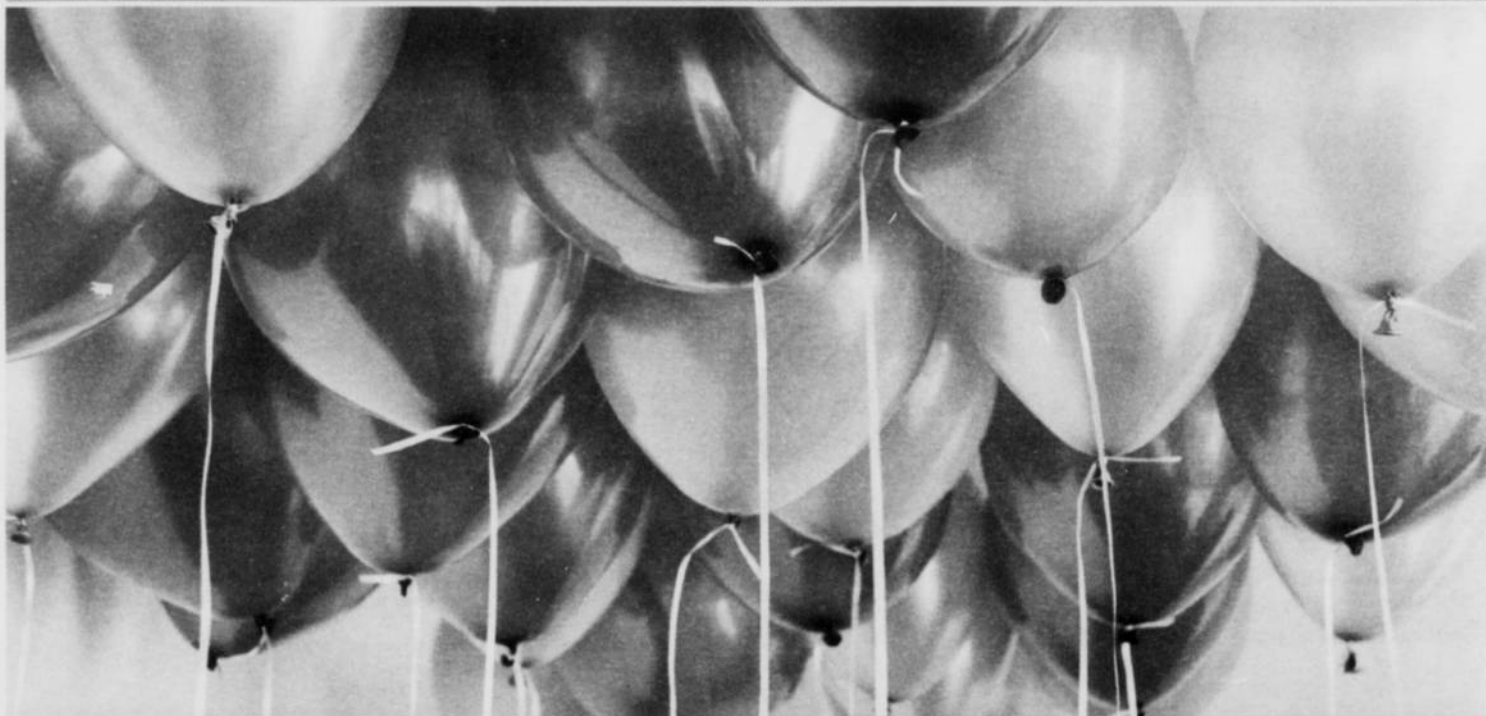
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Reimers jump their way into winner's circle



Alexis with Kambridge

Two Didsbury riders came back from a jumper competition in B.C. with ribbons, first place showings, and a Reserve Champion award under their belts.

The Canadian Premier and British Columbia Open were Montana and Alexis Reimer's first amateur shows in the jumper ring.

They, their family, and their trainer Beda Wachter of Innisfail, called the May 26-31, and May 20-24 events a success.

Between the two competitions and on top of her horse Grappelli, Montana clinched five firsts in classes ranging from the Welcome Open Jumper 0.85m to the Welcome Jr/Am. 0.85m. Some classes had up to 17 entries. She was also awarded the Reserve Champion award.

On top of her horse Kambridge, Alexis Reimer placed first in the Welcome Jr/Am. Jumper 0.85m class 245 during the Canadian Premier and also brought home numerous ribbons.

Between the two riders, they brought back 14 ribbons won during the two events held at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, B.C.

They will next represent Didsbury in the show ring in Bend, Oregon in July.

- Smaldon



Montana with Grappelli

Currently Taking Registrations For

Summer Fun 2009

Where: Didsbury Neighborhood Place
(2030 - 17th Ave)

When: Camps run from June 28 - Aug 22, 2009

Who: Children age 6-12 or who are entering Grades 1-6

What: Summer Fun is a week-long day camp program that runs for 8 weeks, put on by the Town of Didsbury. Each week is themed with activities, crafts, games, cooking, volunteering, and out of town field trips.

The featured field trips this summer are: **Calaway Park, Butterfield Acres, Blooming Fields, Discovery Canyon, Chinook Honey, Let's Play, Southland Leisure Center, Tyrell Museum and Reptile World.**

REGISTER BY JUNE 19 FOR REDUCED RATES!

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403-335-8719

Cemetery enhancement underway

BY SABEEN AHMAD
Didsbury Review

The Didsbury Cemetery Committee has set out some goals for the near future involving beautifying the cemetery.

"The committee was brought together to create awareness and create opportunities to enhance our cemetery," said committee member James Reichenbacher.

He acknowledged that the town had a responsibility to maintain the cemetery to a certain standard but nowhere near the budget or push to do everything that locals would like to see done.

"The goals for the near future are for cemetery beautification," explained Reichenbacher. "(Since) we just started up we're fundraising," he said adding the

committee had started back up again a few years ago. He noted a couple of donations had been made one by a donor he would not name at the time and also a donation by the Elks.

He said the committee has discussed the cemetery sign as well as adding additional visitor park benches. "We've also talked about the design around the columbarium and adding additional flowerpots - so those are the near future goals."

Reichenbacher said the committee had talked about what they could do for some of the older plots that are not maintained but he stated because of FOIP they would not have access to the names of the families who could give permission to enhance or clean up the plots. "Nonetheless those are the things we've been considering."

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Bronco volleyball programs look forward

BY ANDREW WILD
Olds Albertan

It's all about that final step up the podium.

That's the goal of the Olds College women's volleyball team and the preparations have already begun with a solid recruiting class for the defending Alberta Colleges Athletic League silver medallists.

In fact, the Broncos have landed commitments from 10 players who will join five returning players that make up the core of the team.

"We're going to be very competitive," explained team co-coach and recruiting director Brittany Ehman.

While it's difficult to find too many flaws with a solid side that came second to a top-notch Augustana squad, making that jump up to challenge the Vikings in their

final season in ACAL volleyball drove much of what the Broncos were looking for in recruiting.

"We were looking for some setting help and some strong middles," Ehman suggested.

Key among those brought in was 5-foot-10 Emily Tilleman from Taber. The strong middle player led the W.R. Myers Rebels to the volleyball provincials.

Also joining the side will be Mellisa Carrit from Innisfail where she played high school ball and club volleyball with the Innisfail Invasion. Carrit is a setter who brings experience from club nationals to the team.

She'll join former teammate Kelsey Sim with the Broncos who had a strong season as libero.

One local recruit is OHS grad Rayelle Dooleage.

While having athletes who can play and also bring some height to the court are ideal, the team is expanding

its talent base while looking to bring in some larger players.

"We're not a tall team by any stretch," said Ehman. "But we're getting there. This is going to be a very, very strong team this year."

As for the men's side, who will be filling out the roster is unknown at this time. While a number of players are expected back incoming players are still to be determined.

"We're not quite sure yet what we have," said Greg Lendvay, director of health and wellness services.

As far as overall recruiting for all the Broncos athletic programs, Lendvay said the potential for some scholarship money exists, but many of the players are drawn to the programs offered at the college and the opportunity to play with a developing athletics department.

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It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing away of Rita, on May 25, 2009 at the age of 15. Rita was born in Grande Prairie AB, then moved to Fort Nelson BC, before settling in Didsbury a few years ago.

Rita leaves behind her mother Rita (Didsbury) and her father Ed (Fort Nelson). She is also survived by five sisters and two brothers; Lisa, husband Jeff (Calgary), Julie, daughter Taylor (Grande Prairie), Elias (Fort Nelson), Eddie (Fort Nelson), April (Didsbury), Sheryl (Fort Nelson), as well as many numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and her father's parents Nana and Papa.

Rita, a grade 9 student, attended the Didsbury High School. She touched the lives of all who knew her, and leaved behind the legacy of her smile. A typical teenager, Rita was entranced by all electronics, namely her cell phone and camera, which she was never without. Rita will be remembered as a happy, vibrant, contagious personality, who lit up a room and who made it her mission to spread her happiness to those around her.

A celebration honouring Rita's life was held on Saturday, May 30, in Olds, AB. Rita has been laid to rest at the Calgary SE Mountain View Memorial Garden Cemetery.

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